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## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Happy 10th Anniversary to "The Elongated Collectors" and to all the TEC members. I think we had a very good year, as all my TEC officers have been a great help to me through-out the year. I'd like to thank the TEC officers and the members for a wonderful year. Without each and everyones help it could not have been possible.

In May of this year we lost one of our Board of Directors, John Gubata, who was like a big brother to me. We were deeply grieved about this and we will always remember him. We had a Board action and the Board voted to appoint Chester Rogers to fill out the term left vacant by John Gubata. Chester Rogers was chosen on the help he had given to TEC and to me through-out the last three years. He never said no when I asked him for help for TEC. He also answered my letters at once. This is a must for the officers, to be a good officer.

I also would like to give a special thanks to my good friends Lloyd E. Wagaman and Bob Luchtman who also have given me so much help through-out the year. Those nice TEC NEWS coins and the special Merit Award coins were donated by Lloyd Wagaman. The names engraved on the Merit Award coins were done by Gordon Greene and also donated to TEC. Thank you Gordon Greene. A thank you to Bob Luchtman who has never said no when I needed help, like rolling the TEC badges, etc. He always does this at cost and this too saves TEC a few dollars. A special thanks goes to Ruby Threlkeld who also has helped me with many things and pitched in and helped when John Gubata passed away and finished his work for me. These are some of the people that have kept TEC going through-out the year. Thanks again folks.

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Many thanks go to the TEC members who came forth and gave small donations for the door prizes for our 10th anniversary meeting. At first it seemed like no one would help, but at the last minute many wrote in saying they would donate a few things. Each day at the convention members were handing me things and saying, "Here Sally a few things to be used as door prizes." With your kind help folks I think the meeting was a big success.

Dottie Dow, the founder and first president of The Elongated Collectors was presented an American trophy, as was our past President Lloyd E. Wagaman. It is being mailed to him and as of this writing it is a surprise to him. This was voted by the Board last year to do this for the past Presidents for the 10th anniversary meeting. A thank you from all of us for the work you both did in the years you have been presidents.

In a way we were lucky we didn't plan on a TEC banquet as most banquets started at \$16.00 and up. T.A.M.S. had their banquet Friday night in another hotel and that is where most of the TEC members went to celebrate TEC's anniversary. The TAMS banquet was very nice and we had a delicious meal that was really enjoyed by all. We were even wished a Happy Anniversary by the TAMS Master of Ceremonies. Thank you President Dottie Dow, as it did our hearts good to hear those words.

Sincerely,

Sally Kirka, Pres.

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**NOTICE!**

All coins that are donated for the TEC Archives are to be sent to Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, 1023 Holly Street, La Marque, Texas 77568. Also news articles about members in their local papers about their elongated coins should be sent too, for the TEC History Book. These things are given to TEC to be kept in our own TEC Archives. Mrs. Threlkeld does not keep these coins, but holds them for TEC. Also Mrs. Threlkeld always tries to thank the ones who donate these coins and we try to make a note of this in the TEC NEWS when ever we have room for it. Since Mrs. Threlkeld has taken over, all her books are in order. She has bought and paid for these books herself. It would help some if members would put the coins in holders before sending the coins to her. This will help her very much and it will be appreciated by her. She has also bought those plastic pages to keep the coins in. All these coins can't be brought to all the meetings but the History Book has been brought to the TEC annual meetings for the past three years. In the book Ruby has all kinds of articles that have appeared in Coin World and Numismatic News Weekly and other publications about our TEC members. She has all kinds of nice things that has anything to do with TEC. I think that all who saw her book this year would say "Thank you Ruby Threlkeld on a job well done". She is the first Historian in TEC that has lots to show for all her hard work and I for one am proud of the work she has done for us all.

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GOT ANY GOOD ARTICLES FOR TEC NEWS? DON'T WAIT, SEND THEM IN NOW

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long article will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

**NOTICE!****ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  page \$6.00,  $\frac{1}{4}$  page \$3.50  
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  page \$12.00,  $\frac{1}{4}$  page \$7.00

**DEADLINE NOTICE**

**DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE**

**Ads - Nov. 10th**

**Articles - Nov. 12th**

## TREASURERS REPORT

Checking account report for year - Aug. 1, 1975 to Aug. 1, 1976

Balance as of Aug. 1, 1975 - - - - - \$ 456.94

Income for year Aug. 1, 1975 to Aug. 1, 1976

Dues - - - - - 1,343.00

Sale of badges - - - - - 401.35

Payment for ads in TEC NEWS - - - - - 86.50

Total income - - - - \$2,287.79

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Expenses for year - Aug. 1, 1975 to Aug. 1, 1976

Galaxie Designs - 3 Award plaques for 1975 convention-

Literary Award, Best Elongated Coin Award and

Henry Blaha Memorial Award - - - - - \$ 69.96

Bank service charge - - - - - 14.36

Editors supplies - - - - - 35.27

Postal Instant Press, TEC NEWS printers - - - - - 751.25

TEC NEWS postage - - - - - 259.93

2,000 Brown Kraft 9x12 envelopes for mailing TEC NEWS - - - - 78.62

Secretary's postage and supplies - - - - - 60.75

Presidents postage - - - - - 20.00

A.N.A. 1976 dues - - - - - 15.00

TAMS 1976 dues - - - - - 6.00

Purchase of typewriter for TEC NEWS - - - - - 127.33

Payment for quarters for 1976 convention badges - - - - - 37.50

Printing of membership applications, payment of dues

and sale of badges record sheets - - - - - 27.77

1976 membership coins - - - - - 60.00

Badge overpayment refund - - - - - 6.00

Printing of TEC envelopes - - - - - 19.80

Mailer envelopes for TEC badges - - - - - 3.47

85th A.N.A. Convention Patron listing in program book - - - - 10.00

Plastic Merit Award holders - - - - - 4.00

Dues overpayment refund - - - - - 10.00

Purchase of ribbons for 1976 convention badges - - - - - 74.90

Purchase of attaching rings for TEC convention badges - - - - 5.00

To Mr. Trophy for 3 plaques for 1976 convention, (Best

Elongated Coin, Presidential Plaque and Henry Blaha

Memorial Award) Trophies and engraving - - - - - 116.00

Total expenses - - \$1,812.91

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Checking account balance as of Aug. 1, 1976 - - - - - \$ 474.88

Savings account balance as of Aug. 6, 1975 - - - - - \$1,323.74

Interest from Aug. 6, 1975 to Aug. 3, 1976 - - - - - 67.97

Savings account balance as of Aug. 3, 1976 - - - - - \$1,391.71

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Grabowski, Treasurer

## TEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - AUGUST 25, 1976

The Elongated Collectors annual Board of Governors meeting was held in the Buckingham A Room of the Americana Hotel in New York City on August, 25, 1976.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Kirka at 5:00 p.m. The officers attending the meeting were President Sally Kirka, Secretary Al Kirka, Treasurer Chester Grabowski, Vice President Ruby Threlkeld and Board member Harold Anderson.

A discussion and explanation was held concerning the Merit Award. It is only given to those who have done outstanding work for TEC and those that get it have really earned it. Also the donation of coins to be sent with the TEC NEWS to the membership will automatically entitle the donor to a Merit Award. This was voted on three years ago.

The Literary Award is given for an outstanding article in the TEC NEWS and not for articles published in other numismatic publications.

Motion made and passed to pre-order the 1977 convention badges the same as this year and to roll only as many as are ordered by the deadline, April, 1, 1977. The price to remain the same, \$3.00 at the A.N.A. convention and \$3.30 by mail after the convention.

Discussion was held about whether TEC should donate \$500.00 to the A.N.A. museum to buy a TEC elongated coin display case. Motion made and passed by the Board of Directors. This will be voted on at the general meeting by the members.

Discussion was held about awarding a TEC NEWS COIN for articles written for TEC NEWS. The coins have been donated for the past five years by Lloyd E. Wagaman. A special thanks was given Lloyd Wagaman. If no one donates the coins for 1977, TEC will pay for the die and cost of the coins and postage. The coins will be rolled by Sally Kirka. This coin will only be given out to members for writing articles for TEC NEWS of 250 words or more. Longer articles will be put in two issues.

Motion made and passed to reimburse Editor for cost of film, flash cubes, developing and screening of pictures, so they can be published in future issues of the TEC NEWS.

Chester Rogers was appointed to replace the late John Gubata as a member of the Board of Governors. This was passed by all the Board members.

Motion made and passed that only members in good standing will receive door prizes at the TEC meeting. TEC dues paid after TEC meeting and new members joining do not officially become members until their names are recorded by the secretary at home.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. - - -Al Kirka, Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING 8-27-76

The TEC annual meeting was held at the Regency Ballroom of the Americana Hotel in New York City at 2:00 p.m. on August 27, 1976.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Kirka. There were about a hundred members and guests present at one time or another at the meeting. There were so many meetings scheduled at the same time that members were coming and going at all times.

President Sally Kirka welcomed the members and guests to the 10th Anniversary meeting. Then the president introduced the officers at the head table and the founder of the TEC Club Dottie Dow,

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also the first president of the club. Some of the other past officers were also introduced. Once this was done each person present stood up and gave their name and told what state and town they were from. This also gave us an idea of who was there, as we met many members for the first time.

The secretary's report of our last years annual meeting in Los Angeles was accepted as published in TEC NEWS, so secretary Al Kirka read the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held at the hotel on Wednesday night. This was accepted as read. The treasurers report was read and accepted as read.

President Sally Kirka gave a talk about buying a TEC display case at the A.N.A. Museum. The cost of this display case is about \$500.00. This case would be for TEC only, exhibiting TEC elongated coins with the A.N.A. Museum director changing the display in the case every so often. William Henderson, the A.N.A. Treasurer gave us a little more information about this and the members liked the idea. President Sally Kirka said, when she was treasurer she put \$1,000.00 into a savings account and we now have nearly \$400.00 in interest accumulated in the savings account which could be used toward the purchase of a display case. A motion was made by Dottie Dow and seconded by Herman Krajewski to purchase this display case and pay the full amount by using the money from the savings account. This case will have our name on it and will only be used for the display of elongated coins. All members agreed this was a very good idea for TEC and members will start sending in elongated coins for this. President Sally Kirka suggested to send her the coins right now, or wait until the showcase is bought as it will take a month or two to set it up. All coins must be donated and will not be returned as the A.N.A. will keep them for our own display case and change them from time to time. Later you can mail direct to the A.N.A. for the TEC display case in the museum. The coins for the TEC Archives will still be sent to Ruby Threlkeld.

President Sally Kirka then gave a talk about Lloyd E. Wagaman and how it was made possible to buy this TEC display case. Lloyd has donated so many things through-out the last five years. Without all this help we never would have had all this money in the savings account. All the Award coins, the TEC NEWS Award Coins, The Merit Award, The Promotional Coins and coins to be sent with TEC NEWS to be sent free to all members as well as many door prizes for our annual meetings. These are just a few of the things Lloyd Wagaman has done for TEC. Thank you Lloyd from all of us. Motion made by Dottie Dow and seconded by Ruby Threlkeld to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Lloyd Wagaman for all the donations and work he has done for TEC. Motion passed unanimously.

A fifteen minute discussion was held about different things for the good of the club. One person stated he doesn't get answers to his letters even if he does send a stamped envelope. This is one thing the officers have no control over, as we can't make a person write if he or she just doesn't want to.

Also a discussion was held about who is writing books about elongated coins. Right now there is one in the works, but as yet no one knows when it will be finished. It takes time to write a book and it is something you just don't rush into. There are a few others in the works, but as one person told me, you can't write a book over night and you also need the cash. A few others are writing a book about the coins they themselves have rolled, similar to the book

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Lloyd Wagaman wrote. Lee Martin was asked to reprint his book or add on to it. These are all good ideas, but when Lee was taking orders for his book you'd be surprised how few members ordered a book and after it was printed and those that ordered the book got theirs, then every body wanted to get one. This book is very good and now sells for about \$30.00 if you can get one. So when a new book comes out why not get your right away.

The Merit Award coins were then passed out to the most deserving TEC members for outstanding work for TEC through-out the year 1975. Those receiving the award were Sally Kirka, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Al Kirka, Ruby Threlkeld, Bob luchtman, Kurt Krueger, Chester M. Rogers, Coin World, Don Adams, Richard Townsend, Dottie Dow and one made special for the TEC Archives.

Lou Desrochers presented the Plaque to Dottie Dow for the best coin rolled by a roller in 1975. It truly was a nice coin with about four other coins engraved on it. This coin was put on a card and passed around for all the members to see. The lucky winner of this coin was Barbara Izzo.

President Sally Kirka then awarded the Henry W. Blaha Memorial Award for the best elongated coin exhibit at the convention. This went to the much surprised Harold Anderson who was over joyed upon receiving this award. It is to bad we couldn't give out more awards as it was hard for the judges to decide, when all exhibits were so good.

President Sally Kirka then awarded the Presidential Plaque, awarded to the person giving the most help to the president during the year, to Ruby Threlkeld. President Sally Kirka said, there were two others that deserved a plaque as well but she could only give one. So congratulations to Vice-President Ruby Threlkeld for all the help given to the president in addition to the outstanding job she is doing on the TEC History Book and TEC Archives as well as taking over as chairman of the Literary Award committee to complete the work begun by the late John Gubata in naming Sally Kirka for the Literary Award for her article "Los Angeles Convention Report" in the October 1975 issue of TEC NEWS.

Board member Harold Anderson then presented an award from the officers and members of TEC to TEC NEWS editors Sally and Al Kirka for all the work they put in all year long on TEC NEWS.

President Sally Kirka then presented the last awards to the past Presidents and the first President and founder of TEC, Dottie Dow and Lloyd E. Wagaman. Lloyd Wagaman's will be sent to him. This was voted by the Board last year to surprise the past presidents on our TEC's 10th Anniversary.

Ruby Threlkeld and Harold Anderson then took care of the drawing of the door prizes. As many nice things were donated, members kept drawing until all the door prizes were gone. Then all members and guests came up to get a small bag of goodies, which were given out to everyone attending the meeting.

Before our happy meeting came to an end all the TEC members who remembered when Steve and Alice Penzes were married six years ago in St. Louis sang Happy Anniversary to them both. May you have many more happy years to-gether.

So our 10th annual meeting came to an end and on behalf of the TEC officers and myself, A HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY TO ALL THE TEC MEMBERS.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Kirka, Secretary



## TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Well folks it really was worth waiting for the 1976 nickels so the TEC NEWS COIN could be rolled on them. We are already addressing envelopes at this writing in July so we can start mailing out to

those members who have earned one by writing an article for TEC NEWS. I as President and editor am very grateful to the members who keep sending in articles, so keep them coming. Without your help on this, there would be no TEC NEWS.

To the new members and yes to the members who have been members for ten years and haven't sent in an article, how about giving it a try. Write about your collection or about some elongated coin that you like best. There are so many stories you can write about your elongated coins. Its well worth the try to write that article of 250 words or more. While you are sitting watching T.V., take the time to write that article now. Remember, every little bit helps our TEC NEWS and makes good reading for the members.

Now by the time you get this issue (October, November, December) all the members that had an article in the last three issues since January will have gotten their TEC NEWS COINS. Lloyd E. Wagaman has rolled this coin. A heartfelt thank you to you Lloyd for a job well done. Now that you have your coin, you have to admit, it was worth waiting for. Remember if you want to get the coin, write that article for TEC NEWS. Each coin is numbered and none will be sold.

All articles must be 250 words or more to get the TEC NEWS COIN. All long articles will be put in two issues, or if I have room for it, in one issue. No articles will be returned. I repeat, no articles will be returned. If your article is so valuable, I will not be held responsible for it. Derogatory articles will not be used. All articles will be edited where needed. All articles received after the deadline will be put in the next issue, unless they are rejected. Articles must be at my home before the deadline. You'd be surprised how many send in their articles after the deadline and then write they hope they are not to late. If your article comes in after the deadline it will go into the next issue. If I can get the TEC NEWS out on time, you can try to get the article to me on time. It will be appreciated by me and I too will be able to relax a little.

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## A NEW THEME - THE BICENTENNIAL THEME

by Verlee Waterman TEC #525  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Isn't it nice that the Bicentennial offers a new theme for the elongated collectors. I have not fervently gone after elongated coins in this category and yet have a dozen or so which I'm sure will start a quest for more.

My first was purchased for me by my parents last summer at the Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. It is the S.F. Bicentennial coin, the Liberty Bell in the center with a cable car, or the Golden Gate bridge on either side. This is such a nice coin, high relief and all. When I saw it advertised by Diversified Enterprises of San Francisco in this year's first issue of TEC NEWS, I sent for other elongated coins that were listed too. They too all have the nice detailing and the marks of older coins. In fact I think several are coins from older dies. I'm sure their 1939 Golden Gate is from an old die. I also got a cable car with the Golden Gate bridge and a dandy 1962 space needle. These were delivered with a note stating two new bicentennial coins were available, so of course I sent for them. One is with a Liberty Bell and flags while the other features the Independence Hall. The former is one which Sally Kirka inquired about in her Notes of Interest column in the last issue of the TEC NEWS. So Sally, Diversified Enterprises, 7th and Mission, San Francisco can take the credit.

An interesting sidelight concerning Diversified Enterprises needs mentioning. When looking over the first few coins I sent for from them, there was something about them which reminded me of the coins put out by my mystery roller who rolled my favorite coins. These are with the verticle line between dots and mostly of a west coast origin. So when I placed the second order, the two new bicentennials and a General Douglas MacArthur, I asked if they had any idea who the mystery roller was. I described several of the coins with the verticle lines. Was I ever surprised to receive a short note from Bob Gordon saying he was the mystery man. He wrote that most of the dies I mentioned were lost, but he still had those beautiful chrome custom made machines and that he was being written up in a new book now.

There are so many things I would like to know about him. I wrote back, and Sally I did enclose an SASE, asking for a little more information, but so far none is forthcoming. There has to be an interesting story behind this man and I can only hope I am able to get a copy of whatever book it is in which Bob Gordon is featured. In the meantime for those of you that are interested in the Bicentennial coins, his are a must.

## THERE REALLY WAS AN "UNCLE SAM"

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Our town of Manchester, Connecticut came out with a Bicentennial issue of our towns newspaper, "The Manchester Evening Herald". On July 2nd this special Bicentennial issue was sold to the towns people and in the surrounding towns. There were pictures of everything with the Bicentennial theme in mind. As I looked at all the pictures I thought, "What ever happened to pictures of our Uncle Sam." If anyone should be included in this Bicentennial year it should be our good old UNCLE SAM.

Even the rollers of elongated coins have sort of left him out of this Bicentennial year. We have elongated coins with eagles, flags, Liberty Bell and you name it, but not many elongated coins around with UNCLE SAM on them.

Don't let anyone kid you as there really was an Uncle Sam who was married to a girl named Betsey. This was the man that became internationally known as UNCLE SAM.

Samuel Wilson was born in a town once called Menotomy, but now called Arlington, Mass. Sam Wilson was just an average young man from humble beginnings. When he was only nine years old, Paul Revere passed the Wilson property on his famous ride toward Lexington warning of the British march to Concord. It must have made a deep impression on young Samuel Wilson to have been present at the birth of American Liberty.

In 1789 as a young man Sam and his brother Ebenezer traveled west to make a better life for themselves. Sam left his sweetheart Betsey Mann behind, who waited eight years for his return.

Sam and his brother Ebenezer settled in Troy, New York, which isn't to far west these days. They started a brick making business which wasn't to much of a success. So they later started a meat packing business which proved successful to them both.

Sam was devoted to his work, but he didn't forget his sweetheart. In 1797 he returned to Massachusetts, where he and Betsey Mann were married on January 3. They braved the New England winter and rode back to Troy, New York in a sleigh where Sam could work at his meat-packing business.

Sam Wilson's friends, neighbors and his nieces and nephews in Troy, New York affectionately referred to him as "UNCLE SAM". Sam Wilson was a provisioner to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Because of his nickname the provisions he and his brother Ebenezer supplied to the United States Army, the supplies were stamped by the government purchasing agents with the letters "U.S." It was with this abbreviation that the name "UNCLE SAM" became synonymous with the "United States". The "Uncle Sam" legend spread.

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Samuel Wilson was a busy man in the town of Troy, New York and was Chairman of many town meetings. Uncle Sam led a busy life as one of Troy's best known citizens.

Mrs. Betsey Wilson was a good wife to Uncle Sam. Both enjoyed the company of young people and they frequently held social affairs for that purpose. Mrs. Wilson was best described as a woman of great charm and dignity. She was also one of the six managers of the Ladies Benevolent Society in 1830 to give aid to indigent women and children.

Samuel Wilson died in 1854 and his wife in 1863. Both are buried in Troy, New York, along with three of their children who had died while very young.

Uncle Sam's plot in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy is well marked today. As eventually "UNCLE SAM" became the internationally known symbol of the United States. Today at Uncle Sam's gravesite, it is frequently used as a setting for patriotic ceremonies.

Maybe some of you remember that during World War I and II, no matter where you looked there was Uncle Sam telling you, "America needs you" and we sure need him too. God Bless America and this wonderful country we live in.

## HOW ABOUT A STORECARD?

by Paul Aubry TEC \$417  
Fair Lawn, N.J.

As a collector who collects storecards as a speciality I would like to see more members have a personal storecard rolled. I once wrote an article about how I would like to collect the fifty states thru storecards. I still have only about half the states represented.

Having your own storecard is not just having your own calling card, but you can always use it for trading. You can even get good leads on older elongateds by having your own storecard.

I had gone to a coin shop in my area and asked about elongated coins, the man said "elongated"! Then I showed him my storecard and he said "Now I know what you mean". He didn't have any, but he asked if he could keep my coin so if he found any he could let me know. He called about a month later and I picked up a ILL - CPIE #86 for \$1.50 which has got to be a good price. The lowest price I recorded from John Spadone's auctions was \$12.00. Having my own storecard meant a good find for me.

One other way to have your name on an elongated coin is to get yours plus nine others on one of John Spadone's elongateds where he gets ten names to roll a coin.

The first coin I got my name on was "The Elongated Collectors" 10th anniversary. With a horse on the left side and a rocket on the right. John had so many sponsors respond that he rolled two coins for the anniversary. The second showed a bust with a three pointed hat and a bust with a space helmet. Four names appeared on both coins, Krueger, Meccarello, Kirka and Aubry. The price to get your name on one of these is reasonable, so why not you.

## COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Dottie Dow of Phoenix, Arizona. This is one of Dottie's well known handshake coins. As people greet her and shake her hand she will palm her coin into your hand. Thank you Dottie.

## A FISH STORY?

by Al Kirka TEC #450  
Manchester, Conn.

When and if we have the time my wife Sally and I like to go to a friends cottage at one of the beautiful lakes which are located not to far from home. Although we are no where near the ocean, we are surrounded by lakes. Before my wife took over the editorship of TEC NEWS, it was a must for her to get in some fishing for most of the summer. Now we had to give up on this as we don't have the time for this any more.

One day in May when we already worked on TEC NEWS for almost 18 hours each day for three days in order to get the TEC NEWS out on time Sally said, "Lets go fishing." So Sally got her fishing pole ready and was in the the car before I said, we would go. I was never that much interested in fishing and can't stand to look at any kind of a fish. Sally loves fishing and likes to eat all kinds of fish as well. I really can't say what kind of a fisherwoman my wife is, but she does things her own way. Believe me no fisherman can compete with her.

First, Sally is afraid to go in any kind of a boat, unless she can have one foot on the shore. So most of her fishing was done right from the back yard. Before Sally started fishing, Sally took out the few pieces of cut up elongated coins that Lloyd had sent her as proof of destroying the extra coins of a particular issue. Sally said, "Lloyd said to get rid of them," and as we took a ride in a rowboat near the shore Sally threw the pieces of coins in the water as we rode along. She said, "No one will ever get these coins out here in the lake.

That day Sally did some fishing and seemed to be enjoying herself. She kept yelling "Get out of here", or "Go away". So I asked Sally why she was yelling "Go away" when no one was around. Sally then told me, "I'm telling those small fish to stop biting on my line as they are to small". The water was very clear that day and you could see the fish swimming around. Well after a few hours Sally came in the house and said, "No luck today, I'll try again later."

That night Sally told me she would try some more fishing. I yelled to her that she forgot her pole. Sally said, she didn't have any luck with a pole so wasn't going to use any. Like I said, she has her own way of fishing. In a few minutes she came running in with one fish, so I thought some one gave her the fish. In a few minutes Sally came in with another one. I asked her where she was getting the fish and she answered she caught it. Now that's a fish story and it sounded fishy to me. I then checked outside but saw no one around. So I said to my wife, "Let me see you catch a fish with out a pole standing on our yard". The water comes to the edge of the yard where a stone wall was built. My wife said to me, "I'll catch a fish but you can't watch me". Again in a few minutes Sally came in with another fish.

This I just couldn't believe, so I asked my wife, "Tell me the truth, how did you catch those fish when the fishing pole is in the house?" Sally told me that it was easy. "I was looking for craw fish" which she calls baby lobsters, "and a fish was following me. So I quickly turned and put the flashlight on the fish and before he knew what hit him, I scooped up the fish with my net". This was the way Sally caught the craw fish. I still didn't believe her so asked her to show me. So she said, "Just be very still as there's one big fish I want to get". Like a true fisherman Sally wanted the big one too.

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## A FISH STORY?

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I wasn't standing there to long before Sally did sort of a dance on the stone wall, or so I thought but she was trying to keep from falling in. Before I could blink my eyes Sally caught a big one with the net and it was a big mouth bass. She was so happy that she said she had enough for one day.

The next day Sally was cleaning the fish and was getting it ready for a fish dinner. As she cut the fish up and much to our surprise there was one of the pieces of the elongated coin Sally had thrown into the lake. Like a true fisherman Sally said, "No one will believe the story and you also can't even trust a fish". Now do you believe her, or do you think this is just another fish story?

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## PRESIDENTS ON ELONGATED COINS

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662  
Carlstadt, N.J.

I'm very proud and happy to own a complete set of elongated coins with the Presidents of United States on them. I felt very pleased when I bought this set from Doug Fairbanks, Sr. Somehow I take a great interest in this set of elongated coins, as it tells me when each President took office and how long they stayed in this office.

Its also very interesting to see how the men dressed 200 years ago to the present day. As you look at the coins you can see the styles change a little with each President. Even the womens clothes have changed for the "First Ladies", the Presidents wives since the year 1776. Yet the President's wives all wore beautiful gowns from 1776 to the present year of 1976.

As I'm interested in my set of Presidential elongated coins I'm trying to read about them in different books about where some of the Presidents stayed at the different towns in the different states. Maybe some of the members can say George Washington once stayed in our hometown. Its interesting to see if he did.

I'm making plans to exhibit my Presidential set of elongated coins at the A.N.A. Convention in New York. It will be something to see during this Bicentennial year and I hope that the people enjoy seeing it. I'm trying hard to put my exhibit across for our 200th birthday of our country, which anyone living today can either tell their children, or grandchildren about how we celebrated our 200th birthday of our country in 1976.

I also have other coins of Presidents which other rollers have rolled, so these are all from different dies, Its nice to have one of all the different dies and I slowly will try to get at least one of each coin. Each roller makes the die just a little different.

I also bought the set of elongated coins from Adam Cool of the 13 Colonies. This again can be added to my Bicentennial exhibit. President Sally Kirka said, these are good to exhibit this year at the A.N.A. Convention, or other coin shows that I attend. As I said before, my set of the Presidential elongated coins will always be of interest to me as I can look back and say I took part in the Bicentennial year by showing off my elongated coins in 1976.

Happy Birthday to this wonderful country of ours, the United States of America.

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*In Loving Memory of*

# JOHN GUBATA

OUR BROTHER, JOHN GUBATA

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

This past May, on the 28th to be exact, I received the sad news from my good friend Clarence Briere of Rogers, Connecticut that John Gubata, a member of the TEC Board of Directors had passed away that morning. John Gubata was a dear friend to Al and I and to many of the TEC members that knew him. John met many of the TEC members at the A.N.A. Conventions in Boston and at Miami Beach, Florida two years ago. To us this was a very sad blow, as we were with him only three days before and John was not sick at all.

John Gubata was a friend to all that had met him and many TEC members have written to him. Not only was John one of the Directors of TEC, but he was also the president of the Quinebaug Valley Coin Club of Putnam, Connecticut. He held this job for about seven years and was re-elected again as president only last month. He was also vice-president with me as president of the Tri-State Coin Club of Danielson, Connecticut for two years and the past president for four years. So you can see this man was loved by all and will be truly missed by his many friends.

You never heard John say a harsh word against anyone and as president always could smooth things out. You could say John was everyones brother as everyone liked him, young and old. So when word was received of this it was a shock to us all.

On Friday night, the 29th of May, Al and I went to the funeral home to pay our respects, not only as his friends, but on behalf of The Elongated Collectors.

It doesn't take much for me to pass out, so I only stayed in that room for a couple of minutes. We did stay at the funeral home for about three hours. There were so many of his friends from the different coin clubs and from other clubs, that in no time there were four rooms full of his friends there.

It was sad to say our last good-bys, but we had to leave. As sad as things were for John's mother, Mrs. Mary Gubata came over and told us how glad she was that we came. We were glad we came too, Mama Gubata, as she is affectionately called by the many friends of John's. On behalf of "The Elongated Collectors", all the officers and members offer our deepest sympathy to you Mama Gubata and to the rest of the family. John also left three sisters and two brothers.

Brother John Gubata has gone to his final resting place, but will never be forgotten by Al and I and all the TEC members that knew him. If any of his TEC friends would care to send his family a card or letter, you may by writing to the Gubata Family, Main St., Box 494, North Grosvenor Dale, Conn. 06255. Its never to late to send a card.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

Sally Kirka gave a talk and showed how elongated coins were rolled. Sally and Al invited one Coin Club to their home to do this. At the end of the program Sally let the members roll their own coin, by hand rolling the coin. This makes the members feel proud of the coin they themselves had rolled.

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Chester Grabowski exhibited some of his elongated coins during a summer coin show and came away with a trophy for his nice exhibit. Congratulations to you Chet and may you win many more trophies.

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A belated Happy Birthday to Dottie Dow and a Happy Birthday to the following TEC members who will have a birthday during October, November and December months. Steve Penzes, Chester Rogers and Al Kirka. Oh yes, me too, as I was born on Christmas Day too.

Happy Anniversary to Norman and Ruth MacQuithy and may you have many more.

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A special thank you goes to Jack Wilcox on his nice New Jersey elongated coin. I appreciate this very much and will add this to my collection. I hope those that didn't send for the elongated coin will do so now, before the coins are all sold out. The address and cost were in the last issue of TEC NEWS.

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If we get some good black and white pictures of the TEC members at the A.N.A. Convention we will try to get them screened and will put them in the next issue. I will do this myself as members promise me pictures, but never send any. So in order to get a few pictures I will take them and hope for the best too. So smile if you see me coming with my camera.

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Hope members didn't miss out on the coin that Herman Krajewski had made for the bicentennial of Rockville, Connecticut. It is a beautiful coin and members shouldn't miss it, if you are collecting Bicentennial elongated coins. More about this coin in the last issue of TEC NEWS.

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Please folks if you move, don't keep it a secret from us, as you may lose out on your TEC NEWS free coin. We only get enough to give each one, one coin. So Please, as soon as you know where your moving to, let us know at once. Write to Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

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Charles Strickland took a first place on his elongated exhibit at the Alabama Numismatic Society. Keep up the good work Chuck and we hope you win more awards on your exhibit. Chuck told me he had some high points on his exhibit. He also told me this club is the first club to have an elongated category for elongated coins. Give them my thanks for doing this Chuck. I wish I can exhibit there some day too.

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Don't forget the deadline for ads in TEC NEWS is November 10th and for articles in TEC NEWS is November 12th. The deadline means just that and the articles must be at my house before that date, or they will be put in the next issue. If I try to get the TEC NEWS out on time, you can also try to get the articles to me before the deadline. Why not give it a try, Please.

## 1976 A.N.A CONVENTION REPORT

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

We left for New York on Saturday the 21st, about 7:30 a.m. to make sure to get the bus on time in Vernon, Conn., only a few miles away from our home. The ride in the bus on the main highways was alright until we hit the New York City limits. Then all the way through the city, believe me, we bounced, jumped or nearly fell out of our seats until we got to the bus depot. At times I was holding on for dear life and was glad when we got off the bus. The taxi ride to the hotel was no better. The taxi was so small I couldn't get my leg in and if the driver shut the door fast I could have lost a leg. Getting out Al helped me as I swear that cab was fighting me.

The bus fare was only \$13.50 round trip, but we must have paid \$200.00 in tips. Everyone carried the bags only a few feet, so you had to tip all the time. With the plaques and other things I had, they were very heavy, so we were told a \$1.00 each, for each bag.

The hotel room was a big disappointment to us, at the price we paid, \$47.50 plus tax, it came to \$51.00 a day. It was the smallest room of any hotel we ever had so far.

We were down to the lobby in no time and to our surprise, John and Barbara Izzo with their son Tommy came in. Barbara gave me just about every kind of owl that she could buy or make. Honest you name it and Barbara gave it to me. Some are really beautiful pieces and all will be added to my collection, thanks to Barbara Izzo. As we were talking all at once in walked Ben and Sylvia Odesser. Its always nice to see them both as I just enjoy talking with them both. So help me we always have some funny enjoyable things to say. Poor Ben tried a few times to talk, but he couldn't get a word in and so gave up. Then Al and Ben walked away so they could talk too.

John and Barbara Izzo had to leave early as they were going home nights. Even though they would be back the next day I hated to see them leave that night.

A little later we met another TEC member, Richard Hartzog, who was a lot of fun. I think he was a teacher as he was teaching us things about New York City, and oh boy, what he was teaching us and showing us.

Sunday, August 22nd

We got up late this morning as it may be the last time until we get home to get a good nights rest. We went out for breakfast and what a surprise we got. We paid plenty for the meal, but believe me we left hungry.

Later on in the afternoon we were back at our bench, which was called "Sally's Bench", as we heard others say as they were leaving, "I'll meet you at Sally's bench". Just as we left for our room Steve and Alice Penzes called that they had arrived and it was sure good to see them. So it was back on the bench as we had lots to talk over.

We later had supper, but when we got back our bench was taken, so we found another corner to sit. Freddy Mantel was so busy going in and out of his office we told him if he passed us once more, he would have to pay us. Oh yes, he gave us a quarter the next time he passed us. Just what I need to roll out, a good quarter.

Ben and Sylvia Odesser joined us later and of course we talked until we were tired and we all took off for our rooms.

Monday, August 23rd

I sat waiting about three hours for Ruby Threlkeld to arrive from Texas. There was so much going on I missed seeing her come in.

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## 1976 A.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT

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By this time Dottie Dow already arrived from Arizona and soon after Richard Townsend was there. Poor Dottie took the night plane, so was very tired when she came in. Dottie gave us her handshake coin and what a beautiful coin it is. TEC members will get this coin with one of the TEC NEWS issues. Richard was also handing out his goodies, so we had a nice surprise from all. Richard's coin will also be given out at a later date with a TEC NEWS issue. Even our TEC member Walter Riley passed by and said "Hello". Then along came George Kesterson from Texas and boy he really brought us some goodies. He brought me a 26" long cucumber. They really grow everything big in Texas. I told him I'd use it on the way home in case I could not get a seat on the bus. He was full of surprises as he kept giving me something each time he went by. The one thing I got from him I liked was the hand painted tapestry of two beautiful horses. This I think I will frame as this is really beautiful. Three of my friends already asked me to sell it to them. No, it was given to me and I'll keep it. Even Barbara Izzo brought me a few more gifts today. While this was going on, I never noticed when Ruby Threlkeld came until she was already there. This is the third year in a row she sneaked by me. Even Sylvia Odesser said, "Thank goodness", that Ruby was there as I wouldn't leave my bench and kept telling everyone, "I'm waiting until Ruby arrives". Oh. I can't forget that Harold and Alice Anderson came in the afternoon too. So our TEC family was growing. We all talked until we got hungry and then took off to eat and then to the bourse room to see what the Professional Numismatic Dealers Guild had to offer.

That night we all got ready to go to Mr. Vincent Alones surprise birthday party. I wish I had as many friends as he did, as this turned out to be a very nice party and I was glad Mrs. Agnes Alones invited us. Vincent received a \$1,000.00 check from his mother and that was a nice present from anyone. He also received many other nice gifts and someone wrote a very nice poem about him and honest it was very well written. Although we were having a nice time we had to tell our gracious host we had to leave as to-morrow was another big day.

Tuesday, August 24th

Ruby was in our room bright and early so we had breakfast and were ready for the big day. Then as always we met at Sally's bench so all could go to the bourse room. When the doors opened we made a mad dash for it. Some of our dealer friends gave out elongated coins. As we were looking for our Kansas City, Mo. friend, out came a hand with the elongated coin for us. We don't know his name, but he never forgets to give the TEC members one of his coins. Thanks my friend. Some dealers gave out tokens at the door, some dealers gave out wood. At one table they gave out a package of foreign coins. If you knew where to go and at what table you got some nice goodies. I even got some tokens, medals and PNCovers from my dealer friends.

In the afternoon I spent a couple hours getting my 300 PNCovers canceled. I couldn't holdup the line so had Al sit, while I ran up and back up the line with a few at a time. I had a lot of PNCovers with wooden money I was trying out. I must have made about 50 or more new ideas. Some with only a few made. These are not for sale as I already gave out enough. It was a long and busy day so it was off to bed early this night.

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Wednesday, August 25th

Today after breakfast our good friend Lou Desrochers arrived. When he tapped me on the shoulder and said "Hello" I nearly fainted. (Ruby knows why) Anyhow with Lou there we really had some fun. Lou was a good friend of John Gubata, so in a way it was like John was with us. In a short while in walked in Harold Butner with the orange from Earl O'Cathey's tree from California. Now I can throw away the orange I picked last year from the same tree. Yes, it kept pretty well in the refrigerator.

We all took another trip around the bourse room, but for me it got so hot, I left and let Ruby and Lou finish the rounds. Down stairs in the exhibit room it was cooler so we could look at the exhibits. Then later we took in the open ANA meeting. We enjoyed listening to what was said. Later we went to the hospitality room where Barbara Izzo served us tea and coffee, and an inch of some kind of pastry. After a good cup of coffee I went back to cancel more of my PNCovers. Boy, did I have to fight my way out as hands were coming every which way to see my PNCovers. These were trial pieces I made for myself and didn't want them handled.

Around 5:00 p.m. we went to our TEC Board meeting and we had a nice meeting talking over different things. Everyone had a chance to give their views. When this was over we all took off down the road for supper, the prices in the hotel were out of reach for some.

Later most of our TEC members took off for another Board meeting of another club. They had no room, so I took them back to where the TEC Board meeting was held and this turned out fine for us. After the meeting we went to our rooms early as we had reports to write for the next day. By the way, our treasurer Chester Grabowski was at our Board meeting, as he just arrived there before the meeting began.

Thursday, August 26th

Today was another busy day for all, so we all rushed to breakfast and then to one of our other club meetings. This meeting turned out very well and every one had a good time. The club, D.W.M.C. got a nice write up in the New York papers.

The afternoon was spent in our room with Ruby Threlkeld, Al and I getting our little bag of goodies ready for our TEC meeting. Later Chet Rogers and his wife came up to visit us. So even though we were working we had a nice get together.

Later on John, Barbara Izzo and their son Tommy and everyone else that wanted to go for supper, came along down the street a way for our first good meal. When we got back the bourse was closed so we sat around and talked until we got so tired we all went to our rooms to get a good nights rest.

Friday, August 27th

Another busy day for us and it was rush, rush all day long. After breakfast we went to our first New England Numismatic Association or (NENA) get together. This really turned out to be a nice meeting we hope to have one next year and all you folks are invited to attend.

After a quick dinner it was a rush to our TEC annual meeting, which when I got there I was surprised to see About 75 people there already. Believe me by then the rushing around was getting to me, but the TEC meeting worked out just fine. I enjoyed meeting all the members I always write to or hear from.

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## 1976 A.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT

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We met Jack Meccarrello and boy is he a tall handsome looking man. He and his brother Gus made a special kind of an elongated medal and passed them out to the TEC members. I think everyone was happy to receive one of each, so thank you Jack and Gus. I think all the TEC members got some goodies. There were a lot of special things given out as door prizes. I know there were some of the Calendar elongated halves, PNCovers dated July 4th, 1976 with elongated coin. Also some of the PNCovers that were given out were one of a kind from Don Adams. There were even a couple of special elongated bars. We also had special anniversary coins, mirrors and pin badges made for the meeting. Thanks to all that gave.

TEC even voted to buy their own display case at the ANA Museum and members voted to pay for the cost of the case in full. This I think we were all happy to have this passed. As now our elongated coins will be on exhibit forever. I was very tired after the meeting but was happy that we had a nice meeting. Thank you folks for helping me make this possible.

Then we made a rush to get dressed and go to the TAMS banquet to celebrate our TEC 10th Anniversary with those that wanted too. This banquet turned out very nice, good speakers and a delicious meal. Even TAMS gave TEC recognition and wished us a Happy Anniversary. We TEC members were very proud to hear that, so thanks Dottie.

Saturday, August 28th

It seems our TEC family was slowly leaving as one by one left. Its somehow very sad to see them start leaving and I hate to say goodbye. So John, Barbara Izzo and son Tommy took us out to dinner and it seems that we started out together and we ended up together. Later Al and I were so tired we took a nap before the big ANA banquet. By the time we came down there were Harold and Alice Anderson all dressed up for the banquet. Alice looked lovely in her pretty gown and Harold looked pretty sharp wearing his Bi-Centennial ties. Then came Dottie Dow and Richard Townsend and of course Dottie looked like a living doll. Then came Steve and Alice Penzes and of course they looked nice too. Alice had a pretty yellow gown. Then in walked in Herman and Louise Krajewski in her pretty blue gown. I too had on a sort of an orange colored gown, so our table was all set. We did see Barbara Izzo in her pretty pink gown but they sat at an other table. We had a good time, but as always, good things have to come to an end.

Sunday, August 29th

Today I was in a hurry to get home. We were so over tired that home was the best place for us. By 7:00 a.m. we were ready to leave and I sat a few minutes on Sally's Bench and then asked Al if we should take it home. With what we were carrying home I knew we would never make it and besides that was the hardest bench that I ever sat on. Without any breakfast we headed for the Bus Station. Our bus was three hours late, so we had to stand there until we could almost scream. They finally got us a bus so at least we could sit down, but we had no bus driver. When we did get one he let us know how much money he was losing by driving us back to Connecticut as this was not his regular route. Believe me by then no one was in a mood to give him any answers. We got home to Vernon, Connecticut where my godson, Roy Grabowski, a TEC member met us to take us home. Now I know the meaning of "God Bless Our Home", really its nice to go and boy is it nice to come back HOME. Only now that we had a few days rest we are already planning on our trip to Atlanta, Georgia, so see you folks there. A Happy Anniversary to all the TEC members from your president, Sally Kirka and the rest of the officers.

## COLLECTING ELONGATED COINS VERSUS COIN COLLECTING

by Dottie Dow  
Phoenix, Arizona

Many times the discussion has arisen why anyone who had ever saved coins would ever switch to saving elongated coins. There are a lot of reasons and I'd like to point out a few.

A person who saves Lincoln cents has a couple of folders of pennies that all have the same obverse with the exception of the date and looking at the reverse there are only two varieties.

In collecting elongated coins, there are no end to the variety of the different pictures one can find. There is a veritable treasure chest of them. Different buildings of the St. Louis Expo-1904, or of Jamestown Expo.-1909, or of the Chicago World's Fair 1933-34, or N.Y.W.F. - 1939-40, or N.Y.W.F.-1964-65 and this just mentions a few. One should be satisfied with looking at just Lincoln cents when one can enjoy the different engravings of past masters in the art of engraving.

For the Fido Collectors, elongated coins put forth a veritable gold mine at ridiculously low prices compared to what some Lincoln cents Fidos go for.

All producers of elongated coins have their share of elongated coin errors with varying degrees of the pattern on the elongated coins. Sometimes an error occurs that even has parts of two different elongated coins on it. This is the rarer case. In setting up the right pressure to roll an elongated coin, if the right pressure is not obtained on the first try, we will have either a short coin (not enough pressure), or too long a coin (too much pressure).

If the grippers engraved on a die (this is the leading edge of the pattern, in some cases a border and in other cases a lip is used) are not deep enough, we find the coin not gripping when it should. So therefore we miss some of the first part of the design on the elongated coin. A flaw in the die before the gripper will cause the coin to grip too soon, thus a blank spare is rolled before the pattern and the last part of the pattern of the elongated coin will be missing.

Are you one that likes to hunt for varieties? In that case "The Lords Prayer Elongated Coins" may be your first. I've spent as many as three hours trying to identify the difference between two elongated coins. To say two pieces are different is one thing, but to explain their differences to someone else so they too can hunt for the different varieties is something else again. Try it sometime and you'll have more respect for those who have done this type of work before you.

For re-engraved elongated coins, they are a frequent occurrence in elongateds. A very common re-engraving is of the date on a pattern to make the die good for a second year in a row. For a couple examples of this, look at your Chicago World's Fair elongated coins, so many re-engraved from 1933 to 1934, or your N.Y.W.F. elongated coins re-engraved from 1939 to 1940 and there are so many more.

Can the elongated collectors get away from the fraud that the coin collector is subjected to? No, not completely, but it is relatively small compared to that found in coin collecting. There have been "older elongated dies" found and the elongated coins made from them that look so good it is impossible to detect them from the ones rolled even 70 some years ago. There are ways of ageing a coins appearance and some people are past masters at this.

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## COLLECTING ELONGATEDS VS COIN COLLECTING      (cont. from page 20)

If you are a "type collector", what do elongated coins have to offer in this field.

Many producers roll elongated coins on the different denominations of coins, "cents thru halves, or even an occasional silver dollar". Also clad coins as well as silver coins are rolled.

You've enjoyed collecting commemorative halves? The majority of elongated coins are made for commemorating some event, person, or place. Would one who has ever collected elongated coins ever revert back to collecting coins?

I don't think so. Any time I want to look at a bunch of Lincoln cents, I just turn mine over and look at the reverse. Collecting elongated coins is a bit of Americana and each one has a story all its own to tell.

# I WANT TO BUY SCARCE WAGAMAN ELONGATEDS

I STILL NEED NINE COINS TO COMPLETE MY COLLECTION OF LLOYD WAGAMAN ISSUES. BELOW ARE THE COINS I NEED AND THE PRICES I AM WILLING TO PAY. I WANT ONLY ONE OF EACH ISSUE.

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IND. 23 - JOIN TEC IN 1973 - - - - - \$15.00  
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SOC. 8a- IN APPRECIATION - TEC - - - - - \$15.00

SOC. 11- 1973 TEC NEWS - - - - - \$15.00

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REL. 2 - LORDS PRAYER - - - - - \$15.00

REL. 3 - TEN COMMANDMENTS - - - - - \$15.00

1974 TEC MERIT AWARD - - - - - \$100.00 or I  
will trade the three unlisted elongated coins  
listed below for this coin: -

1.- NATIONAL/AIR/RACES 1933 (Airplane shown, hole  
in right end)

2.- POUGHKEEPSIE N.Y./LUCKY CENT/AUG./1909  
FIREMAN (horse shoe shown)

3.- STATE FAIR/CAPITOL/1932/SACRAMENTO  
(capitol building shown)

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Ventura, Cal. 93003

(Paid ad)

## THE ROUND UP

by Harold Anderson #483  
Caro, Michigan

As we come to the end of our Bicentennial year, I hope every member has had a wonderful year. This year many of the rollers of elongated coins have put out some very nice coins for our Bicentennial year. I am sure most of the TEC members that have been in New York at the A.N.A. Convention will have found plenty of elongated coins to buy.

When you read this article the A.N.A. Convention will be over and we will have had our TEC meeting. We will have visited with our friends and had met many new ones. It will be sad that one of our Board of Directors, John Gubata, a wonderful person and a friend to all of us, will be sadly missed by us all. We never know as we see each other each year, how many won't make it for the following year. So in a way meeting once a year at the conventions is a happy event and yet a sad one too.

After Alice and I get back to Caro, Michigan we will start packing for our move to sunny Florida in September. So our next address and my articles will be coming from the Sunshine State. On the way down to Florida Alice and I will stop off at Atlanta, Georgia where the 86th A.N.A. Convention will be held in 1977. We will take a look around at the hotels and check on the room rates. We will also check and see if there are other hotels near by. If we can't find time to do all this, we can still take a special trip down there, as Atlanta is not far away from Florida.

I hope that the coming year 1977, will be as good as our bicentennial year has been. Even though we just got back from our 1976 convention, its not to soon to start putting away those few dollars to save up for the convention in 1977.

In this issue of the TEC NEWS I'm sure we will get a full report from our TEC President Sally Kirka and Editor of TEC NEWS. We all look forward to Sally telling us on her day to day report of the A.N.A. Convention. President Sally Kirka and Secretary Al Kirka are the first to arrive and they greet us all as we come in. I can always hear Sally saying, "Hello Harold and Alice and it's nice to see you folks." Yes it will be nice to see you all again in New York.

As I close this article Alice and I would love to wish every member a Merry Christmas and a Happy coming New Year. As this will be our first Christmas in sunny Florida, maybe we will think of an idea for a 1977 elongated coin. So God Bless you all and hello to you all from Florida.

## MY START IN COLLECTING ELONGATES

by Marianne Anderson TEC #722  
Dundee, Oregon

It all started several years ago when my brother who collects anything that comes loose asked me to keep my eyes open for any elongated coins I happened to run across at the many sales I am always attending. (We called them smashed coins at this time.) I would find one surprisingly often in the bottom of a box of junk, usually a box with childrens toys, or with jewelry and I'd quickly turn them over to my brother. Then one day I found one with Kennedy on it instead of the Lord's Prayer and I quickly decided my brother wasn't about to get this one and I'd justify it by putting it along with several other Kennedy items I had put away. Then quite by accident I found several duplicates, the extra ones were for me. My daughter who is also a compulsive collector came home with another elongated coin and I quickly noticed hers was the Lords Prayer, but

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## MY START IN COLLECTING ELONGATES

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it was slightly different but I couldn't talk her out of it, but it spurred my interest and I started seriously looking everywhere I'd go.

On the way to a Doll Convention in Reno, Nevada we stopped in Jacksonville, Oregon to go through restored stores there and I noticed in a coin shop window were several different rolled coins with people on them, but the store was closed and I couldn't check on them. I kept thinking about them and while at the convention in Reno we took a side trip to Virginia City, Nevada, another restored city. While there I bought four rolled coins, (two for my brother). They had Lake Tahoe on one and Nevada City on the other and the man engraved our names on them. At this point I think I was hooked and was pursuing yet another hobby, as I already collect miniatures, dolls, paper dolls, bookmarks and buttons, but then I am a born pack rat!

Well I guess you know that on the way home even in the 100 degree heat I'd have it no other way except to go thirty miles out of our way back to Jacksonville, so I could buy those other coins.

I'm married to an angel who puts up with my collecting. The shop was closed, but we waited and drank coffee till the man opened the shop and I purchased a Martin Luther King penny and also another Kennedy. I asked the salesman about the coins and he said he had just joined a club for the elongated coins, but he didn't have the address at the shop, but he was sure I could find the address in any collectors paper or magazine, needless to say I couldn't find it and by now I was wondering just how many elongated coins there were.

My next coins were found in a large box of elongated coins, a dealer had at a flea market in Salem, Oregon. I about went wild as I was low on cash and I wanted them all, but had to be satisfied with ten and that was the last flea market till September. So I'm hoping the dealer will have some more in the fall.

Well my story doesn't end there. My brother, the collector, and I were on a trip to a family reunion in Prineville, Oregon in July and we stopped to attend a large Rock Hound Convention that is held there every year. I didn't buy any rocks, but I did buy two elongated coins from Bob Luchtman and I saw how they were rolled out. He told us about the TEC club and knew Sally Kirka's address by heart when I asked him about information about the TEC club. He also told us he had sold the machine to the man in Virginia City and he also knew the man in Jacksonville, Oregon. He was so nice and informative that I rushed home and wrote to Sally and got a quick and friendly reply. I quickly joined TEC and am now looking forward to my TEC NEWS letter.

Sally sent me an elongated coin and to my surprise it was a rolled out dime, my first! I think it is so beautiful and now she has sent me another and I understand there are others and I'm off and running on another hobby.

My collection now numbers 22 elongated coins and I'm anxious to find out how to store them properly as my little box is full now and I must move to larger quarters.

I guess you know I couldn't resist the temptation to write an article (I'm no writer) as I wanted another free elongated coin! I decided to send the article even before my TEC Newsletter arrived, for if I read what others write I'll never send this. Happy collecting from a humble collector.



## TIME TO SEND FOR YOUR TEC BADGE

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

As you know we took orders for the TEC badges this year, so we wouldn't get overstocked anymore. The Board voted to only make as many as we got orders for by the deadline. Everyone had seven months to order their badges. As always in July, way past the deadline we got a few orders. Well sorry folks, but you're out of luck as the TEC badges have long been made. By June I already received the rolled out quarters from Bob Luchtman who designed and rolled out the quarters for TEC. Bob had done a beautiful job on the badges and I feel sorry for those that don't buy any of our TEC badges, or those that just did not find time to order one on time. There's not much I can do about this now, unless someone doesn't buy their badge.

All those that have ordered their badges and will not be at the convention can send for theirs for \$3.30 for each badge. Do Not order before the first of September. All checks should be made out to "The Elongated Collectors" and sent to the Secretary Al Kirka 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Remember only those that have ordered one in advance will be able to get one. If you had read your TEC NEWS you should have ordered your TEC badge long before the deadline.

Thank you Bob Luchtman on a job well done as we all appreciate your help to TEC. Bob Luchtman has done this at cost to TEC and as yet we haven't paid him. Bob travels around the country all summer and as of now I don't know where to mail him a check. So when we catch up with him, or when he and his wife get back home we will send him his check.

Bob has been a great help to me and like Lloyd E. Wagaman has always come to my aid when I needed help the most. Many thanks to you boys and I wish we had more kind people like you.

Al will have his list with him at the A.N.A. Convention and those that are there, we hope you have bought and paid for your TEC badge. This is the first year we are a sellout. Like that we get stuck with badges that people didn't buy. There are still badges left from past years, such as 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973 and only a few left from 1974 and 1975. These are still \$2.30 each for these. They are selling fast, so if you want one or more, why not send for them.

Remember the 1976 TEC badge is \$3.30 and only those that have ordered one or more will be able to buy them.

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## NOTICE!

When you get your TEC NEWS you will again see that we are taking orders for our 1977 TEC badges. We again will only make as many badges as we have orders for. This way we are a sell-out and are not left with a large surplus as in some past years. Orders are being taken from October 1st, 1976 to March 31, 1977, you have six months to order your badge if you want one. Remember this is for the 1977 badge. This should give all the members plenty of time to order your TEC badge for next year before the deadline of March 31, 1977. So folks don't be late and order your 1977 badge now. Remember these TEC badges will not be ready until August of 1977 at the A.N.A. convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

(XAZPXXY) WHAT I THINK, BUT DARE NOT WRITE by O. Wilson Morgan #183  
Hernando, Florida

Ever so often, an incident happens in ones life, that completely cuts away all the egotistical pomp one can accumulate over the years.

Living "away back in the woods", as I do, I thought it would be a treat for me to bring to the many school age children in the area, a Sunday afternoons entertainment, by giving a talk and presenting to each of the children some elongated coins. (XAZPXXY)

Everything went off fine while I was spreading out my display at one of the schools in my area. Then as I started my spiel about the elongated coins, the roof began to fall in on me.

Right off the bat, this (XAZPXXY) in the 3rd row, asked, "Why do they call them elongates and not rolled out coins?" Boy, did I fall for that trap. "Because of their shape", said I. "Is the radius formed from a cosmos" was his next question?

Not wanting to display my ignorance and not being too sharp in repartee, I gave him my most brilliant shot. "How the devil would I know," said I. "You (XAZPXXY)."

Before he could draw a deep breath I asked, "Does anyone know when elongated coins were first made?" "Around 1893," came the answer from the 3rd row. Guess he got his breath faster than I thought he could.

I could see at this point, my whole show falling flat on its face, so I decided to get a wee bit more technical to try and stump the little monster, (I got a little tired calling him XAZPXXY), but before I could say another word, up he pipes. "Do you know elongated coins are made by running a penny between two rollers?" "Hey, buddy" said I, "I'm the one asking the questions". "Then lets get on with the show," says he. (XAZPXXY TWO TIMES)

Things went along fairly smooth for a while, with my speaking of the many rollers, their techniques and of the many nice elongated coins that they have rolled. Then, from the 3rd row, came this question, "Why not roll a penny with all the letters of the alphabet on it, then you'd have everything that's been said, or written, even all the necessary names?"

There were giggles and snickers from the audience. "Just where did you learn all this, I was compelled to ask?" "My Dads cousin in California belongs to a club there and he's been sending my Dad all kinds of reading on elongated coins and trying to get him to join."

I could feel my ears start to burn, even the top of my head was getting hot and as I don't have any spare hair to burn off, I decided to lose this battle for now and maybe live to fight another day.

So I ended the show, but before we broke up, I got even with (XAZPXXY) by sending two membership applications home with him. Who knows, maybe that was what he was after all the time.

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NOTICE - - - - - NOTICE - - - - - NOTICE

Now all those that didn't get their 1976 TEC badge at the A.N.A. convention TEC meeting and had ordered one, you can now send for yours by mail at the price of \$3.30. Remember the price by mail if you ordered a badge is \$3.30 by mail. If you did not order one you are out of luck as we only had rolled as many as were ordered before the deadline. If by chance a person does not buy a badge after a reasonable lenght of time we will put a notice in TEC NEWS if we have some for sale. We do have a few on a waiting list that would like to buy a badge as they forgot to order their badge, or didn't see it in TEC NEWS. These few will get first chance on any left over badges.

## IT FINALLY HAPPENED

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

There are many ways a roller of elongated coins can wash the oil off the coins he or she will roll. All coins have a little oil on them and coins to be rolled must be washed to get rid of this oil film. Now I know many of the rollers have their own way of doing this. The main thing is to get the oil, or you could also say grease off the coins. I do have my own way of doing this. There maybe an easier way of doing this, but I don't mind doing it the way I do it.

As I'm also an error collector, I first look every coin over for error coins. In 1972 I was one of the first to find the double struck pennies as I was looking through my rolls of pennies. In each roll that Al brought from the bank I found a few. I even sent Al back a few times to get more rolls, as I kept finding a few more in each roll. So there should be more of that double die cent in and around Manchester, Connecticut. So this is what I do first is look every coin over under a powerful glass for error coins.

Now the next thing I do is get a small pot ready with water. When the water begins to boil I drop some baking soda in, then I drop my coins in and stir them in the boiling water for a couple of minutes. It doesn't hurt the pennies at all if you boil them for rolling them out. I sometimes add more baking soda, as it depends how many hundred coins I'm boiling. I do not do this to the clad coins as this will only blacken them. Silver coins boiled this way really boil up beautiful and come out good as new. This is only done for rolling coins.

Now when your doing this, I've often thought if one of my girl friends called and asked what am I doing and would they believe me if I said I'm cooking coins. Well it happened last week.

My friend called and asked what am I doing? As I really was cooking coins I told my friend, "I'm cooking coins". There was a long pause on the other end of the phone. Then as I asked "Are you there", my friend said, "Ha! Ha! Are you cooking the coins plain, or are you going to have them with butter on". So I said, "No, I don't want any grease on them". Another long pause on the other end of the phone. So again I said, "Are you there?" Then my friend said, "Are you feeling alright?" I assured her I was. So she then said, "Maybe I heard wrong Sally, but did you say you were cooking coins". I had to admit she had heard correct and I was cooking coins. By then my poor friend was really confused, but I wasn't going to give her any more information unless she asked. So my friend changed the subject and kept talking about something else. I knew curiosity was getting the best of her as she yelled into the phone, "Sally were you really cooking coins, or did I hear things?" So I again told her, "Yes I was cooking coins to roll out."

She let out a sigh and said, "Thank God, as I thought I was going crazy and thought I heard you say that". She also thought the Connecticut hot and humid weather got her.

It took me a few minutes to explain what I was doing, which in the mean time Al had finished for me. After I boil the pennies for a minute, or two, I rinse them with hot water from the faucet. Then I put them all on a towel I have ready and pat dry them. I then put them on the kitchen table on newspaper where I put all the pennies face up to paint.

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Again each one has their own way of doing this and use different coloring for this job. You can also use different spray paints to do this. Each roller uses what they like. I like to sort of paint mine with a cotton Q-tip. I hold the coins with a tooth pick and can paint about 300 coins in about 20 minutes. This we have to do so the Lincoln and the date on the coin shows up. Without any coloring the coins come out clear on the reverse. This is something that the rollers have been doing only for the last 12 years or so.

Now if we didn't get the grease, oil or dirt off the coins, the paint or coloring would not stick to the coins, but would roll up and it would take you a couple hours or more to do the same job if you didn't get the grease off the coins. Now the coins have to dry. I found out its better to let the coins dry over night. In hot and humid weather even the coins get sticky, so I don't like to roll coins in the summer unless I put the fans on and cool off the room.

Now the coins are ready to roll. I put all the coins with the painted side down, as that's how my dies work on my machine. From then on you feed your machine and turn the handle one, two, three, four and the coin is ready. So now if anyone of you call me and ask what I am doing and I answer, "I'm cooking coins", you'll know I'm doing just that. Yes cooking my coins for the rolling machine.

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## THIS GREAT BICENTENNIAL YEAR

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

America's 200th birthday has come and gone. What a thrill it gives us to think that this nation has lasted two hundred years and remained independent. Yet as we consider the condition that this nation is in, we find ourselves feeling sorry at times, that so many people have lost sight of the very idea that made this nation so great and free.

This also comes to mind when we consider that the presidential candidates are trying to see which one can get the greatest number of the people on their side. To win the people over, these men would nearly promise you the moon, if it would buy your vote for them.

No one will ever know how many words have been written about the year 1776-1976 Bicentennial year of these great United States of America we love so much. I am glad I lived to see, read and hear all of this. It is one of the most famous events that has taken place in my life.

Of course there are those who say, "I am sick and tired of all this Bicentennial stuff. The commercialism the over rated programs, the whole thing." These same people say the same things about the holidays such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers Day. All of us who collect elongated coins, plates, bells, buttons and other things have been able to add many new items to our hobbies. Fruit jars have never been so popular.

I truly believe the school children have learned more about the United States flag, American history and respect for the United States than in many years. They have not only read, but they have lived all this and most will never forget it. Many have made quilts in their schools and presented them to senior citizen groups, to libraries and museums.

Some of the Bicentennial elongated coins I have added to my collection are the following: 1976 calendar on half dollar - Lloyd E. Wagaman, 1976 cent engraved with flags to Hawaiian Petroglyphs, from Betsy Ross to bells, from man in space to log cabins. We have these fine people to thank for these, Barbara and John Izzo, Kazuma Oyama, Elmer Anderson, Lee Martin, Richard Townsend, John Spadone, Don Adams and Lloyd Wagaman. If you members of TEC do not have the coins, then you are missing something beautiful. Lets all really appreciate all this freedom we have and try to be a better citizen in the future. God Bless America.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

If any of the TEC members that were at the A.N.A. Convention took any black and white pictures with your camera of TEC members, how about donating them to your editor Sally Kirka for our TEC NEWS. How about it folks, as many members would like to see what some of you nice people look like. Sorry folks but these pictures will not be returned, as we only use the members pictures and not a lot of the background. I did take a few pictures of the members and if they come out, we may have them ready for the January issue of TEC NEWS. I know many members were taking pictures at our TEC meeting so if you care to donate a few to TEC, please do so at once. It's cheaper to have them screened all at one time. So HELP, HELP!!!



## THANKS FOLKS, YES I WENT FISHING

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

God bless you all. It was so nice to start getting articles by the 18th of June from some of the members. I really got a big kick out of some of the letters with the articles sent to me early. In each letter it said, here is my article sent early for TEC NEWS, now you can go fishing.

So folks every chance I got I took those blank worms and my fishing pole and went off to the lake to do some fishing. Oh yes, I took my typewriter with me. I always have some work to do no matter what vacation I take. I also had a lot of things to get ready for the A.N.A. Convention in New York. I don't think you'd believe the things I'm working on. I'm forever trying out new ideas with elongated coins. When and if I ever have more time for myself and my own hobby I'll tell you more about it. Right now folks, honest I have very little time for my own hobby. That's why I work on these ideas when I can, so I don't forget them.

It is really beautiful at the Columbia Lake in Columbia, Connecticut. We can sit in the shade all day long and yet go a few feet and be in the sun if we care too. Here in Manchester, Connecticut it can be 98 degrees with sickly hot and humid weather and yet only a few miles away at the lake, its real cool. Many times our friends came to visit us at the lake and were so cold, I had to give them sweaters to put on. Like one time Al was sitting with a blanket around him, as he said he was cold. For me this is the place to be during the hot spells. I can also get plenty of my TEC work done while there and still enjoy our stay there.

So folks, thanks again for sending in those articles in early. This is really appreciated by us, as then we get an early start and can do a little each day. Like that I sometimes work all night long to get those articles ready for TEC NEWS. So keep it up folks and help us to relax a little too.

If you're thinking of coming out to this nice cool lake, you better be prepared to do a little work too. Oh I always have a job ready, such as addressing envelopes, stamping the envelopes in four different places. You will be able to enjoy yourselves, but you'll do a little work for me too, I guarantee it. Oh yes, I caught a big one too, well maybe not so big, but it was fun anyhow. Boy you should have seen the fish that got away.

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## NOTICE!

Since last January 1st, 1976 dues have gone up to \$5.00 a year in TEC. Yet many members keep sending in \$3.00 dues and then ask if its more, let me know. Its in every issue of TEC NEWS, that TEC dues are now \$5.00 a year. Its on page three. Yet when a person sends only \$3.00, it costs an extra 13¢ stamp and envelope to write and ask the member they have to pay \$2.00 more. So help us save the extras by sending in the right amount of dues, \$5.00. Make out the check to "The Elongated Collectors", or to "TEC". Dues can be paid for 1977 anytime now, or starting January 1st. Those not paying their dues by March 31st are dropped from the membership, until their dues are paid. We hope you all stay in and pay your dues on time. Remember we are giving you plenty of notice starting now in October, that dues must be paid before March 31st. This is only a friendly notice as at the TEC meeting a few members said they don't know when the TEC dues are due.

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